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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Patent No. 5,915,912 :  
Issue Date: June 29, 1999 :  
Application No. 08/752,565 : **DECISION ON PETITION**  
Filed: November 21, 1996 :  
Attorney Docket No. 6955 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed January 29, 2008, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on June 29, 2007 for failure to pay the seven and one-half year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that the delay in paying the maintenance fee under 37 CFR 1.378(c) was intentional, petitioner must notify the Office. Petitioner will not receive future correspondence related to maintenance fees for the patent unless a "Fee Address" Indication Form (see PTO/SB/47) is submitted.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-4231.

The patent file is being forwarded to Files Repository.

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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(c))**

Docket Number (Optional)

053332-6006-US01

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Patent No. 6,916,912 Application Number 08/752,565

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The above - identified patent

☐ is a reissue of original Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, original issue date \_\_\_\_\_;  
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## 1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

## 2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☒ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g).

## 3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 2,360.00

## 4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$ 1840.00 (Fee Code 1558) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 4,000.00

## 5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 60-0310 the sum of \$ 4,000.00. A duplicate copy of this authorization is attached.☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

## 6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition deficiency to Deposit Account No. 60-0310. A duplicate copy of this authorization is attached.

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8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE  
ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.

 January 29, 2008  
Signature(s) of Petitioner(s) Date  
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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

ENCLOSURES:

- ☒ Maintenance Fee payment  
☒ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(l)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)  
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